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TO: Community E-lert Recipients
FROM: Jeffrey Chen, Chief of Police
SUBJECT: Community E-lert #05-031

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FORCED ENTRY RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

On Sunday August 7th at approximately 2:30 PM, a Medina Officer was dispatched to a house alarm in the 2500 block of Medina Circle. The officer arrived within minutes and observed the front double-doors to the home had been kicked in. The Medina Officer requested a second unit from Clyde Hill respond and a search of the home and the surrounding was conducted but no suspects were located.

The home is equipped with an alarm system which was activated at the time of the burglary, but was set with a delay feature, so the police were not immediately notified that the alarm had been tripped. That short period of time was sufficient for the suspect(s) to remove jewelry and electronics valued at approximately \$30,000.00.

The Medina Police Department has processed the scene and recovered fingerprints which will be submitted for forensic examination through the Washington State Patrol Crime Lab in hopes of identifying the suspect(s).

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS:

- Please be watchful of you neighborhood and call 911 anytime you see or hear any suspicious persons, activity or noise. An officer will gladly respond and investigate, day or night.

- Consider leaving a television or radio on while you are away to give the appearance someone is home.
- For further crime prevention information, visit the Medina Police Department website at www.medina-wa.gov . Select the Police Department link on the left side of the homepage, and once opened, choose 'Crime Prevention'.

If you wish to speak or make a comment about this incident, please email Chief Chen at jchen@medina-wa.gov .